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SUBJECT Current Production at Siemens Elektrowärme G.m.b.H.  
and at Uhren-und Maschinenfabrik Ruhla Aktien-  
gesellschaft of the Soviet Union, Ruhla in Thuringia

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Siemens Elektrowärme G.m.b.H.

1. The Siemens Elektrowärme G.m.b.H. in Strzeczitz, Kreis Meissen, which produced electrical heating devices for airplanes during the war, was at the end of February 1947 classified as an enterprise on the "C" list, which means that it has not been decided whether the Siemens factory will be a Soviet A.G. or a state owned corporation.
2. The factory is now engaged for the most part in the manufacture of electrical rectifiers. Three quarters of the goods produced go to the U.S.S.R. as reparations. The factory employs 500 men.
3. A Soviet engineering commission has requested the factory to give an estimate on how long it would take to resume the manufacture of electrical heating devices for airplanes.

Uhren- und Maschinenfabrik Ruhla Aktiengesellschaft of the Soviet Union, Ruhla in Thuringia

4. At the end of February, the Uhren-und Maschinenfabrik Ruhla Aktiengesellschaft of the Soviet Union, Ruhla in Thuringia, formerly known as Gebrüder Thiel G.m.b.H., was employing about 500 men in the production of watches and clocks.
5. Theoretically seventy-five percent of the goods produced is for reparations, the rest to be released for German consumption. Nothing has become available to the Germans, however, because the factory has not been able to function at more than seventy-five percent of its capacity. All finished products are regularly taken away by Russian military trucks.
6. The production of four Thiel models, wrist watch in round or rectangular case, pocket watch, and alarm clock, is carefully supervised by Russian civilians who make sure that each watch shipped has a testing certificate signed by a Russian.

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7. Payment for goods produced which should be made through the Thuringian Land government has become problematical since the beginning of 1947. Since the Land government has a shortage of funds, the Thiel factory has been told to borrow money from Thuringian banks to meet its obligations.
8. Important accessory parts are shipped from Augsburg in the American Zone and Schramberg in the French Zone, but these shipments have decreased. For this reason the directors of Thiel expect work to stop at the beginning of March.

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